AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An impact absorption type steering column apparatus for an automotive vehicle in which a column sided upper bracket provided fixedly to~~separately from~~ or integrally with a steering column is press-fitted to a ~~car~~vehicle body sided upper bracket secured to a ~~car~~vehicle body, said steering column is supported by inserting a bolt through through-holes formed in said ~~two~~ column sided and vehicle body sided upper brackets, and, when a secondary collision happens, an impact energy thereof is absorbed in a way that causes a flexural deformation of said ~~car~~vehicle body sided upper bracket while moving said steering column towards the front of the automotive vehicle,

wherein ~~in that~~ said through-hole of said column sided upper bracket is formed as an elongate hole extending substantially in parallel with an axis of the steering column to the rear side of the automotive vehicle from a position of said bolt,

said through-hole of said vehicle body sided upper bracket is an elongate hole for a tilt adjustment, and

said bolt is a tilt position fastening bolt.

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (New) An impact absorption type steering column apparatus for an automotive vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the arrangement is such that, upon secondary collision, after said flexural deformation of the vehicle body sided upper bracket, a collapse stroke occurs as a result of relative movement of the column sided bracket with respect to the vehicle body sided bracket and sliding movement of said bolt along said elongate hole of the column sided bracket.

7. (New) An impact absorption type steering column apparatus for an automotive vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the arrangement is such that, upon secondary collision, before said flexural deformation of the vehicle body sided upper bracket, a collapse stroke occurs as a result of relative movement of the column sided bracket with respect to the vehicle body sided bracket and sliding movement of said bolt along said elongate hole of the column sided bracket.

8. (New) An impact absorption type steering column apparatus for an automotive vehicle according to claim 1, wherein in response to the secondary collision, a collapse stroke occurs as a result of relative movement of the column sided bracket with respect to the vehicle body sided bracket and sliding movement of said bolt along said elongate hole of the column sided bracket, thereby absorbing additional impact energy of the secondary collision.